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Dear Mr. Huxley:

I hasten to reply -- yes I am counting on being here at end-March, and look forward to hearing from you. If you can save this scrap for the phone numbers please try DA-1-1200 Ext. 5049, or DA-1-2764 or DA-2-0686 outside business hours.

We visited Haldane a few days in Calcutta some five years ago; I saw him again just recently at the Ciba/London conference. I am rather furious with him for his blind spot on the population problem -- he still sees a capitalistic-imperialist plot behind every constructive suggestion. But he is probably right that a decent standard of living (or at least food and shelter) is a technically soluble problem, even for a very large world population. But what misery meanwhile.

The enclosed may amuse you. If it reminds you of a remark by Philip Quarles in Pount CounterPoint, it should -- I'm certain the thought has stuck since my first reading it there. I really am surprised the technique has not been picked up and widely used before, but suspect that speculation about the underlying causes of the cycle (strength of sexual urges and such nonsense) has made it appear disreputable. Actually, I can find no quantitatively useful statistics on the seasonality of human sexual behavior; for demographic analysis we do better to ignore the psychophysiology and take advantage of the objective data.

Sincerely,

A.H.H.